

asked the Director of Public Instruction to ascertain and report whether, and, if so, on what conditions, seats could be reserved in the Engineering College attached to the Benares Hindu University.

(2) The Government do not propose to publish the correspondence.

(3) The member is referred to the answer to part 2 (a) of interpellation No. 346 by Mr. K. C. Karunakaran.

*Medical and Engineering Colleges, Madras.*

348. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they are aware of the difficulties experienced by Travancorean students in getting admission to the Medical and Engineering Colleges, Madras;

(b) whether they have considered the recommendations contained in paragraph 96 of the Report of the Unemployment Committee regarding the same; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) is in the affirmative, the action taken on the same?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (a) The Government are aware that there is difficulty in getting admission to the Engineering College, and, in a lesser degree, to the Medical College.

(b) and (c) The Government had already taken action on the lines of the recommendations contained in paragraph 96 of the Report of the Unemployment Committee, with the result indicated in the answer to part 2 (b) of interpellation No. 346 by Mr. K. C. Karunakaran.

*The Agricultural College, Coimbatore and the Engineering and Medical Colleges, Madras.*

349. **MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have taken steps to secure a certain number of seats reserved yearly for the Travancorean students in the Engineering and Medical Colleges at Madras and in the Agricultural College at Coimbatore?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): As regards the reservation of seats in the Engineering College, the member is referred to the answer to part (1) of interpellation No. 347 by Mr. K. Padmanabha Panikkar. As regards the Medical College at Madras, the Government understand that there is not so much difficulty in securing admission. The Government have not so far heard any complaints about the difficulty of getting admission to the Agricultural College at Coimbatore.

**MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): Are the Government aware that not more than one or two students obtain admission in the College every year?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I believe more than one or two students get admission there. That is my personal information.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): Do the Government understand that without fixing the number of seats that can be obtained by Travancorean students, they cannot have any reliability in the matter of admission?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is not easy, because it is not in this Government's hands.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): Is it not desirable to fix the number of seats?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is very desirable.

*Travancoreans and the Technical Colleges in Madras.*

350. MR. V. CHELLAM PILLAI (*Tovala*): (1) Are the Government aware that in recent years Travancoreans as such are generally refused admission to the Engineering, the Medical, the Veterinary and other Technical Colleges conducted by the Madras Government?

(2) Will they be pleased to state:

(a) whether they were making contributions to the above Colleges;

(b) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, the amount per annum, the period for which, and the conditions under which, they were so contributing to each of the above Colleges;

(c) whether they are contributing so at present (Mithunam 1104);

(d) if the answer to part (c) is in the negative,

(i) the date from which such contributions were stopped;

(ii) the names of the officers who recommended that the contributions be stopped; and

(iii) the grounds for such recommendations;

(e) whether Travancoreans are now getting admission to the above Colleges as they were getting before;

(f) whether qualified hands from the above Colleges are preferred in Travancore to qualified hands from such Colleges at Bombay, Calcutta and other places;

(g) if the answer to part (f) is in the affirmative, the reasons for the same;

(h) whether they have realised the necessity for securing seats for Travancorean students in the above Technical Colleges run by the Madras Government; and

(i) if the answer to part (h) is in the affirmative, the action taken by them in the matter?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) The Government are aware that the difficulties in the way of Travancorean students getting admission to the Technical Colleges mentioned are becoming increasingly great.

(2) (a) No.

(b), (c) and (d) These do not arise.

(e) The member is referred to the answer to part (1).